

THE BEACON NEWSLETTER

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LOOKING AHEAD

June	9	6:30 a.m.	Early Breakfast Group
		8:00 a.m.	Retirees' Breakfast Group
		6:30 p.m.	Witness Commission
		7:00 p.m.	Education Commission
	10	12:30 p.m.	Ladies Birthday Luncheon
	14-19		MS Youth Heritage Tour
	15	7:00 p.m.	Executive Committee
	21		SCRIP ORDERS DUE
	23	6:30 a.m.	Early Breakfast Group
	26-30		Annual Conference in San Diego, CA
	29	7:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry

Equal Exchange Coffee Anyone? Wouldn't you like to be confident that farmers growing your coffee beans are paid a fair price for their work? Or that they have access to affordable credit which facilitates business planning and family stability? Or that the coffee was being grown in a way that minimized chemical dependency and maximized biodiversity. The really great news is that soon you will be able to order coffee beans (whole or ground) here at Beacon Heights as part of the Equal Exchange Interfaith Program. Paul Spoelhof will set up a table in the fellowship hall on June 7th to provide more information and start taking orders

Equal Exchange ensures that coffee farmers receive a fair piece of the coffee profit pie. (mmm... coffee pie) The fair trade model deployed by Equal Exchange is based on buying from farmer cooperatives which encourages confident relationships and delivers the best price to the farmer. Since March, we have served Equal Exchange coffee during the fellowship hour on Sundays and soon we will sell Equal Exchange coffee so that you can brew it at home all week long. Good coffee, sound sleep, sounds good.

MESSENGER SUBSCRIPTIONS DUE TODAY !!!

If you have questions regarding Beacon information, please contact the church office between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Adult and Children's Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.

Next Week

10:00 a.m. Worship

"The word that shall not be named"

A knock on the door; a flyer in your door handle. We've each experienced uncomfortable moments with other Christians who persistently work to "save our souls," even if we confess ourselves as followers of Jesus repeatedly in the conversation. It is this type of experience that sours many persons on the church. It is this type of experience that makes evangelism "the word that shall not be named" for many Christian communities.

On this "Outreach Sunday," the Growth and Outreach Committee of the church will be leading a worship service that encourages us to re-envision the word and action of evangelism out of its modern, limited definition and into a broader calling of love and grace that Jesus originally inspired.

For this worship experience that will feature a drama and faith sharing, you are encouraged to invite a friend and to read First Corinthians 3:5-11.

Pastor Brian

THIS WEEK AT BEACON HEIGHTS

TODAY

10:00 a.m. Youth Sunday / Pentecost
IHN Week Begins
2:30 p.m. Annual Conference Briefing
Bethany CoB

Monday

6:30 p.m. Nurture Commission

Wednesday

8:00 p.m. Stewards Commission

Next Sunday

11 a.m. Annual Conference Listening
Session with BH delegates
2:00 p.m. Dick/Devries Shower

Food Bank

Mary Whitehead
Susan Harroff
Ben Sollenberger

STATISTICS	
Sunday May 24, 2009	
9:00 Sunday School	59
10:00 Worship	150
Adult Offerings	\$8,576.10
Children's Offering	\$3.00
Matching Grant	\$ 10.00
Weekly Budget	\$7,277.00

Beacon Heights Church believes everyone is a child of God. We welcome all people, of any age, gender identity, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, family status, socio-economic status, physical ability, mental ability, or place along their faith journey.

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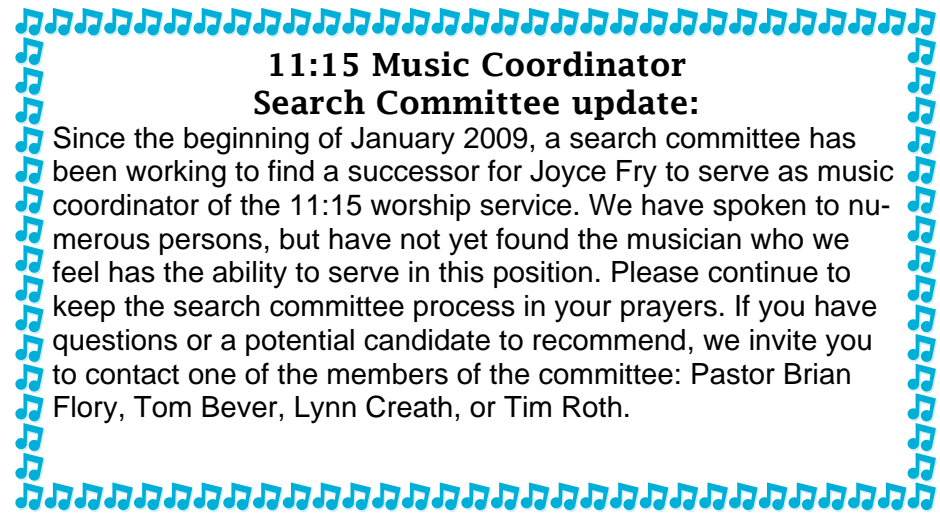
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11:15 Music Coordinator Search Committee update:

Since the beginning of January 2009, a search committee has been working to find a successor for Joyce Fry to serve as music coordinator of the 11:15 worship service. We have spoken to numerous persons, but have not yet found the musician who we feel has the ability to serve in this position. Please continue to keep the search committee process in your prayers. If you have questions or a potential candidate to recommend, we invite you to contact one of the members of the committee: Pastor Brian Flory, Tom Bever, Lynn Creath, or Tim Roth.

Annual Conference Information

Questions about this year's business?

The delegates to this summer's denominational Annual Conference, Dave Wysong and Carla Kilgore, would like to hear your thoughts, ideas, and concerns regarding the business coming to this year's Conference. They will be available after church on June 7, or feel free to contact them anytime. The new business for conference is listed at:

<http://www.cobannualconference.org/sandiego/business.html>.

BICYCLE OUTING ON JUNE 6

Beacon's Intergenerational Cycling (Yes, Cycling!) League of Enthusiasts (BICYCLE) will join the Circus City Metric Century on June 6th. The ride starts in Peru, Indiana and includes 17-, 32-, 44-, and 62-mile loops. Google Circus City Metric Century for more information and contact me to organize transportation.



Brian Zehr

New Beacon Heights' Library Books

For Adults:

All is Calm, All is Bright-True Stories of Christmas by Cheryl Kirking (an excerpt was recently used in a sermon by Pastor Brian)

Beyond Our Means- a new Brethren Press publication that tells how the Brethren Service center dared to embrace the world-by R. Jan and Roma Jo Thompson

*Picking Cotton-*a true story of forgiveness by a wrongly accused victim, as well as the story of the one who did the accusing-by Thompson and Cotton

Four DVD *Brethren Heritage Collection*-details all facets of Church of Brethren history.

The Message-the Bible in contemporary language by Eugene Peterson

For Children:

A Good Day by Kevin Henkes

Someday by McGee-used recently in children's story for worship service



The library committee always appreciates suggestions for new materials to be purchased for the library.

Open House and Surprise Wedding Anniversary Party

for Andy Pinkham as he graduates from Homestead High School, and George and Juanita Mendenhall (a surprise party in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary). **Sunday, June 14th** from **3-6 p.m.** at Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren, 6404 S. Calhoun St., Fort Wayne. See invitation on Special Events bulletin board for more info and how to RSVP.

Thank you

Thank you so very much, church family, for the heartfelt and very meaningful cards and letters and phone calls and personal sentiments on our loss of Linda's mother. She was very dearly loved and will be missed always. We are now more expert on Alzheimer's Disease than we ever wanted to be and would love to share any information you might like.

Stephen Ministry



The city of Fort Wayne and Beacon Heights (or: How this could be life-changing for Beacon Heights)

The Gospel of Matthew ends with Jesus final words, "...go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of God, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." Whew! That sounds like we are called by Jesus directly to go and tell folks about the Good News. But that's something we at Beacon Heights have always found a little hard to do. For many reasons, we believe it is better to show our faith through our actions rather than crow about it.

What if we discovered a way to evangelize to the larger Fort Wayne community in a way we at Beacon Heights would feel comfortable with? Could we then more embrace the Great Commission at the end of Matthew? Well, in two little words...Stephen Ministry...we may well have exactly the kind of evangelism Beacon Heights can wrap itself around.

Stephen Ministry is ideally suited to folks in hospitals, homeless and abuse shelters, nursing homes, and long-term care facilities in addition to friends, neighbors and co-workers. Think on it some...see if you agree.

**STAY TUNED! Next week:
Who and What are Stephen Leaders?**

Wedding Shower-June 7



All men and women are invited to a wedding shower to celebrate with Sami Dick and Matthew DeVries as they anticipate their marriage on June 20 at an out of town wedding ceremony. The shower will be held Sunday, June 7, at 2 p.m. in the church parlor. Please come join in honoring them. The happy couple is registered at Target, Sears, and Bed, Bath, and Beyond.

COMMUNITY GARDEN PROJECT REQUEST

Do you have a medium-sized chalkboard or whiteboard that could be loaned or donated to the Beacon Heights' Community Garden Project? Our harvest season will run from June 7 through October 25, and we'd like to post items to be received each week. If you can offer this help, please contact Pastor Jan before June 4. Thank you for your support!!!

Thank you to all Teachers, Assistants, and Advisors

Children's Director: Shannon Simmons

Assistant Children's Director: Nicole Wysong

Nursery Director: Margie Dougherty (2009), Megan Feters (2008)

Children's Teachers: Brandi Baker, Lori Crain, Jennifer Spoelhof, Marcia Wright, Nicole Wysong, Kyla Zehr

Middle School Youth Teachers and Assistants: Megan and Sam Feters, Carrie Fry-Miller, Sally Jones Evans, Larry Lesh, Betsy Wagoner, Betty Yoder

Middle School Youth Advisors:

Megan Feters, Sam Feters, Dianne and Jan Lung, Patty Rinker, John Wagoner

High School Youth Teachers: Steve Crain, Nancy and Steve Eikenberry, Phyllis Hall, Steve Harroff, Dean Johnson, Dave Kiracofe, Kelly Parker, Jerry Peterson, Deb Romary, Jeremy Simmons, Leslie Sperry, Amanda Taylor, Phil and Marcia Wright.

High School Youth Advisors: Ruth Ann and Tom Bever (2008), Jeremy and Shannon Simmons, Craig Smith, Barb and Wayne Trout

Adult Teachers: Tom Bever, Margie Dougherty, Nancy and Steve Eikenberry, Kathy Fry-Miller, Phyllis Hall, Leland Harding, Dan Kiracofe, Ethel Klopfenstein, Linda Myers, Anne Ott, Deb Romary, Craig Smith, Janel Sprunger, Paul Spoelhof, Ben Sollenberger, Todd Steele, Phil Wright, Dave Wysong, Brian Zehr

Congratulations to our High School Graduates!



Jessica Rowley is graduating from Carroll. She will attend International Business College this fall to study hospitality.

Aaron Hollenberg is graduating from Northrop. He will attend Alma College this fall to study biology and Spanish.

Sam Ott graduated from Cornerstone Christian and is enrolled at Manchester College. He plans to study abroad.

Andy Pinkham is graduating from Homestead and is considering options of attending Goshen or Manchester College.

Heather Closson is graduating from Snider and will attend Ball State University as a dance major. She won a Presidential Scholarship.

Christian Peacemaker Teams Need Our Help

CPT may need to suspend and scale back compelling peacemaking work because funds are low. CPTers have drastically reduced expenses. Some have offered to work full time without pay or with deep cuts to very modest subsistence stipends. But transportation, rent, equipment, Internet to send out the news...these we cannot access without funds. Can you help fill the gap? You can donate online at <http://www.cpt.org/participate/donate> or send your checks to CPT/P.O. Box 6508/Chicago, IL 60680.

IHN Week Begins Today

St. Jude Catholic Church will take care of the first 3 evenings. Beacon Heights' volunteers are needed for suppers and activities on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings of that week. The sign-up poster will be at the table in the fellowship hall after all services on Sundays and will be posted near the drinking fountain in the north narthex. God bless you as you help. Questions? Call Ethel Klopfenstein or Kyla Zehr.

Something missing in your life?

Why not look for it in the fellowship hall on the table for lost and found items? You are invited to pick up your missing belongings and take them home. Items still here after worship May 31 will be donated to charity.



June Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

6/3 Emily Hollenberg
6/7 Michelle Keim
Deb Romary
Michael Smith
6/8 Paula Crill
6/10 Kyla Harroff
6/11 Andrew Wysong
6/13 Heather Closson
6/17 Ruth Ann Bever
Janel Sprunger
Ann Waters
6/19 Karla Sands
6/20 Tamara Cummins
622 Bill Forsythe
Lydia Monirian
6/23 Sam Fetters
6/24 Nicole Wysong
6/25 John Wagoner
6/28 Allison Bryan
Paul Coplen

6/29 Nelda Sollenberger
6/30 Robin Good
Dianne Lung
Sage Parker

Anniversaries

6/7 Melissa Bennett and Dean Johnson
6/12 Steve & Susan Harroff
6/15 Don & Joyce Jordan
6/16 Carrie & Shawn Sollenberger
6/18 Cress Hanenkratt and Karen Kiracofe
Betsy & John Wagoner
6/21 Christen Pettit Miller and Robert Pettit
6/22 Donna & Larry Lesh
6/23 Josh & Raquel Kline
6/24 Brian & Kyla Zehr
6/28 Esther & John Hamer
6/29 Charlie & Erin Wysong



You are invited...

...to a reception as we mark Sam's graduation from high school. Come celebrate achievement and transition with us today from 2-5 p.m. here at Beacon Heights. John and Anne Ott

YOUTH

High School

**YOUTH
SUNDAY
TODAY !**



7:30 / 8:00 a.m. Rehearsal
10 a.m. Worship

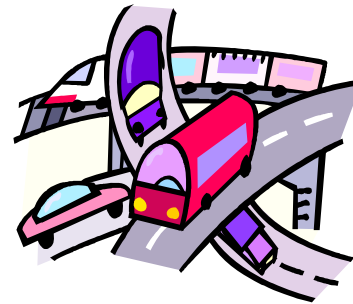
**11:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.
Lunch at Liberty Diner
(corner of Goshen Road
and Coliseum Blvd.)**

Pick up directly from the Diner!

NEWS

Middle School

SUMMER EVENTS

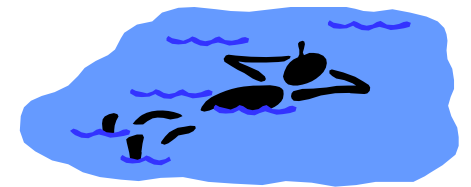


**JUNE 14-21
HERITAGE TOUR**

July 12
Heritage Tour Report
for Adult Sunday School

Friday July 17 Tin Caps Game

**SATURDAY
AUGUST 15
FAMILY DAY AT
CHAIN O' LAKES**



Shakespeare

**Friday, August 28
Shakespeare in the Park**